

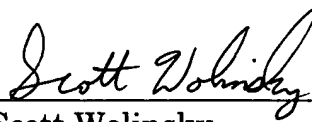
**REMARKS**

By this Amendment After Allowance, Applicants have corrected several errors found in the specification and drawings. Specifically, many of the reference numerals mentioned in the specification do not correlate to the originally filed drawings. A new set of drawings labeled as "replacement sheets" is submitted herewith. The Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced into the application by the Amendment After Allowance.

Entry of the Amendment After Allowance is respectfully requested.

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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached five (5) sheets of replacement drawings include changes to Figures 1-13, and Figures 14 and 15 added by Examiner's amendment. The changes made to the drawings are described in detail below. These replacement sheets replace the original four (4) sheets including Figures 1-13, and the sheet no. 5 including Figures 14 and 15 added by the Examiner's amendment.

In Figure 1, "RNC/NODE B" has been changed to "RNC/NODE-B" in block 20, "SIGNAL" has been changed to "SIGNALING" in blocks 30 and 40, "AM & C" has been changed to "AM&C" in blocks 32 and 42, a line has been added between block 34 and the antenna 36 with an arrow pointing towards the antenna 36.

In Figure 2, "RNC/NODE B" has been changed to "RNC/NODE-B" in block 20, "SIGNAL" has been changed to "SIGNALING" in blocks 30 and 40, "AM & C" has been changed to "AM&C" in blocks 32 and 42, an arrow has been added to the line between blocks 30 and 48 (pointing towards block 48), the arrow pointing towards block 48 on the line between blocks 48 and 46 has been deleted.

In Figure 3:

- (i) in block 54, "IN" has been changed to "AN"; and
- (ii) in block 58, "A FIRST" has been changed to "THE FIRST" and "CODE" has been changed to "CODES OF THE CONSECUTIVE CODES".

In Figure 5:

- (i) reference numerals 55, 54, 60 and 62 have been changed to 80, 82, 84 and 86, respectively;
- (ii) in block 82 (formerly block 54), "IN" has been changed to "AN"; and
- (iii) in block 86 (formerly block 62), "A FIRST" has been changed to "THE FIRST".

In Figure 7:

- (i) reference numerals 57, 54, 64 and 66 have been changed to 90, 92, 94 and 96, respectively;
- (ii) in block 92 (formerly block 54), "IN" has been changed to "AN";
- (iii) in block 94 (formerly block 64), "SET" has been changed to "SET OF" and "TIMESLOT" has been changed to "TIMESLOTS"; and
- (iv) in block 96 (formerly block 66), "A FIRST" has been changed to "THE FIRST", and "CODESAND" has been changed to "CODES AND".

In Figure 9:

- (i) reference numerals 59, 68 and 70 have been changed to 100, 102 and 104, respectively;
- (ii) in block 102 (formerly block 68), "ALL" has been changed to "ALL OF"; and
- (iii) the text in block 104 (formerly block 70) has been replaced with "SIGNAL AN INDICATION OF THE ASSIGNED TIMESLOTS AND, IF NECESSARY, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CODES IN THE TIMESLOTS".

In Figure 11:

- (i) reference numerals 61, 72 and 74 have been changed to 110, 112 and 114, respectively;
- (ii) in block 112 (formerly block 72), "ALL" has been changed to "ALL OF", and "TIMESLOT" has been changed to "TIMESLOTS"; and
- (iii) in block 114 (formerly block 74), "A FIRST" has been changed to "THE FIRST", and "ASSIGNED TIMESLOTS AND, IF NECESSARY, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CODES IN THE TIMESLOTS" has been changed to "USED TIMESLOTS".

In Figure 13, a seventh row has been added to the table for a scheme 6.

Figures 14 and 15 have been copied from copending Application No. 10/145,371, as per an Examiner's amendment. In Figure 14, in block 126, "A FIRST" has been changed to "THE FIRST" and "CODE" has been changed to "CODES".